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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S DAILY ON WESTERN EUROPEAN LABOR UNREST

SUMMARY: A REPORT ON STRIKES IN WESTERN EUROPE CONFIRMS THE
RECENT TREND OF PRC MEDIA INCREASINGLY TO VIEW THE WORLD SITUA-
TION IN MORE IDEOLOGICAL TERMS AND TO FORESEE CATAclySMIC
POSSIBILITIES IN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE CAPITALIST
WORLD. END SUMMARY.

1. PEOPLE'S DAILY OF FEB 5 CARRIED A LONG ARTICLE ON RECENT
EUROPEAN LABOR UNREST, INTERPRETING ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN
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STRONGLY IDEOLOGICAL TERMS. IN CONCLUDED THAT THIS STRUGGLE

HAD "DEALT A HEAVY BLOW AT MONOPOLY CAPITAL AND ACCELERATED THE DECLINE OF THE CAPITALIST ECONOMY, " AS WELL AS " EXPOSED THE ROTTENNESS OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM." THE ARTICLE SAID THAT THE PROSPECT FOR THE ECONOMY OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD IN 1974 WOULD BE "EVEN DIMMER" THAN 1973 AND PREDICTED INCREASED ATTACK ON THE WORKING CLASS BY MONOPOLY CAPITAL, SHARPENED CLASS CONTRADICTIONS, AND MORE POUNDING OF THE "DECADENT CAPITALIST SYSTEM" BY THE WORKERS.

3. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE FORMS PART OF THE RECENT TREND OF PRC MEDIA TO ANALYZE THE WORLD SITUATION IN IDEOLOGICAL TERMS RATHER THAN THOSE OF POWER POLITICS. THE ANALYSIS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN LABOR UNREST IS SIMILAR TO NCNA'S TREATMENT OF THE PAST MONTH OR TWO OF JAPANESE AND AMERICAN ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. THE GLOOMY PROGNOSITCATION FOR THE WESTERN ECONOMIES FOLLOWS THE REWORKED "WORLD DISORDER" THEME REPORTED IN REFTTEL.
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